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RESIDENTIAL FIRE 685 E. Davant Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 685 E. Davant Avenue, Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 3:01 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Thirteen (13) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-two (32) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief D. Atkins was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at approximately 3:29 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for two (2) adults.



It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm which alerted the occupants and they escaped safely, prior to the arrival of fire crews. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$10,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be faulty electrical wiring in the attic.

The Memphis **Fire** Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their *place* of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>.

Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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